

# HOUSE BILL 697

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Special Black and White License Plate**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue a certain  
4 special black and white license plate for certain vehicles; requiring an applicant  
5 for a certain special black and white license plate to pay certain fees determined  
6 by the Administration; requiring the Administration to set a certain fee for  
7 special black and white license plates that recovers certain costs without  
8 resulting in a surplus; providing that certain fees may be used for certain  
9 purposes; authorizing certain content for special black and white license plates;  
10 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the issuance of special license  
11 plates.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Transportation

14 Section 13–619.3

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 **13–619.3.**

21 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “BLACK AND WHITE REGISTRATION PLATE”**  
22 **MEANS THE FORMER STANDARD ISSUE BLACK AND WHITE REGISTRATION PLATE**  
23 **THAT PRECEDED THE STANDARD ISSUE WAR OF 1812 REGISTRATION PLATE.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL BLACK AND WHITE**  
2 **REGISTRATION PLATE.**

3           **(C) THE OWNER OF A VEHICLE, OR A LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE UNDER A**  
4 **LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, OR A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR**  
5 **PARTNER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS THE VEHICLE CONSIDERED**  
6 **ELIGIBLE BY THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR**  
7 **THE ASSIGNMENT OF A BLACK AND WHITE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS**  
8 **SECTION IF THE VEHICLE IS INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:**

9                   **(1) A CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;**

10                   **(2) A CLASS D (MOTORCYCLE) VEHICLE; OR**

11                   **(3) A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S**  
12 **RATED CAPACITY OF 1 TON OR LESS.**

13           **(D) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE**  
14 **REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE ASSIGNED A BLACK**  
15 **AND WHITE REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PAY A FEE**  
16 **DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION EACH TIME NEW REGISTRATION PLATES**  
17 **ARE ISSUED FOR THE VEHICLE.**

18                   **(2) THE FEE:**

19                           **(I) MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO ENABLE**  
20 **THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOVER ITS COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION;**

21                           **(II) SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE**  
22 **PURPOSE OF RECOVERING ITS COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION; AND**

23                           **(III) MAY NOT BE CREDITED TO THE GASOLINE AND MOTOR**  
24 **VEHICLE REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER § 8-403 OR § 8-404**  
25 **OF THIS ARTICLE.**

26           **(E) BLACK AND WHITE REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED UNDER THIS**  
27 **SECTION MAY CONSIST OF ANY COMBINATION OF LETTERS, NUMERALS, OR**  
28 **BOTH.**

29           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 October 1, 2011.